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1. NUMBER AND IDENTITY OF ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN
SLATED TO GATHER IN WASHINGTON JULY 21-24 IS STILL
SUBJECT TO CHANGE. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO NATIONAL
ASSEMBLY STAFF, THERE WILL BE TWENTY- EIGHT PARLIAMEN-
TARIANS AND FIVE STAFF ASSISTANTS IN WASHINGTON AROUND
THAT TIME. BY PARTY AFFILIATION THERE WILL BE NINE
FROM THE DRP, TEN REVITALIZATION GROUP, EIGHT NDP, AND
ONE INDEPENDENT. THEY WILL ARRIVE IN FOUR GROUPS, PLUS
SOME INDIVIDUALS. TRAVEL PLANS OF GROUPS OTHER THAN
SPEAKER' S ARE NOT YET FINAL.

2. GROUP OF FIVE ASSEMBLYMEN AND TWO ASSISTANTS LED BY
SPEAKER CHONG IL- KWON WILL ARRIVE WASHINGTON JULY 20
FROM PANAMA. BESIDES CHONG, PARTY INCLUDES KIM CHONG-
CH' OL (DRP), CHANG CH' ANG- KUK (RG), KO HUNG- MUN (NDP),
AND HAM BYONG- CH' AE (IND). ASSISTANTS ARE KIM JONG- HA
(CHONG' S CHIEF SECRETARY) AND CHO CHONG- HYON (ASSEMBLY
PROTOCOL OFFICER). SPEAKER' S GROUP PLANS DEPART WASHING-
TON JULY 25 FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

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3. THERE ARE ALSO THREE GOVERNMENT- SPONSORED GROUPS WHICH WILL TOUR U. S. AND CANADIAN CITIES. GROUPS WILL SPEAK TO KOREAN COMMUNITY AUDIENCES ON KOREAN SITUATION AND JUNE 23 FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVE. THEY WILL ALSO SOLICIT SUPPORT IN AMERICAN ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL CIRCLES FOR ROK. COMPOSITION OF GROUPS IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. LEADER -
MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, KU T' AE- HOE (RG). MEMBERS -- PAEK TU- CHIN (CHAIRMAN OF REVITALIZATION GROUP); SO IN- SOK (RG- FORMER CHIEF SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER); AND CHONG NAE- HYOK (DRP) .

B. LEADER -
DRP ACTING CHAIRMAN YI HYO- SANG. MEMBERS --
CHANG KYONG- SUN (DRP CENTRAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN); MUN TAE- CHUN (DRP); CHONG HAE- YONG (NDP); AND YU CH' I- SONG (NDP). STAFF -- KIM OK- CHIN (DRP SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL AND FORMER ASSEMBLY PROTOCOL OFFICER).

C. LEADER -
PAK CHUN- KYU (CHAIRMAN OF DRP POLICY COMMITTEE). MEMBERS -- MIN PYONG- KI (DRP); KU POM- MO (RG); KIM MYONG- HOE (RG); AND CHAE MUN- SIK (NDP). STAFF -- YI HONG- KU (PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT SNU, CURRENTLY IN U. S.).

4. VICE SPEAKER KIM CHIN- MAN (RG) AND SIN HYON- HWAK (RG) TRAVELING TOGETHER PLAN TO ARRIVE WASHINGTON JULY 14. OTHERS WHO WILL BE IN WASHINGTON ARE VICE SPEAKER YI CH' OL- SUNG (NDP) AND OPPXMMVMMMMPOSITION ASSEMBLYMEN KIM YONG- SAM AND O SE- UNG.

5. COMMENT:
AS PART OF ITS NEW " PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY" ROKG IS DETERMINED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT NOTIONAL ASSEMBLY AND POLITICAL PARTIES DO EXIST IN THE ROK (AND THAT THEY SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT).

6. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY STAFF IS IMPRECISE ON
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WHAT PROPORTION OF THE ABOVE LISTED ASSEMBLYMEN WILL BE RESPONDING TO SPEAKER ALBERT' S INVITATION TO SPEAKER CHONG. THERE WILL BE OPPOSITION REPRESENTATIVES IN CHONG' S DELEGATION. ON THE OTHER HAND, WE HAVE HEARD THAT PAEK TU- CHIN AND YI HYO- SANG DO NOT DESIRE TO BE PART OF SPEAKER CHONG' S GROUP FOR REASONS OF PERSONAL PRESTIGE (BOTH MEN ARE FORMER SPEAKERS).

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